

## THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

## HORRIBLE RAILROAD FATALITY.

Will Foley of East Putney Run Over by Three Trains—His Body Mutilated Beyond Recognition.

A mutilated, dismembered and unrecognizable body, found Sunday morning on the Boston & Maine railroad track, told of the most horrible fatality that has happened in this town within the memory of the present generation. From anything that was human it was impossible to establish the identity of the person, but from articles known to be in his possession it was identified as that of Will Foley of East Putney, a railroad employee and well known throughout the town. It is known that at least three trains passed over the body, parts of which were found a long distance from where death took place.

Foley was employed as section hand in East Putney and lived with his mother in that village. On Saturday night he came to Putney village to attend a show in the town hall. The show was over soon after 10 o'clock and if Foley had started home by way of the railroad track he would have arrived there, ordinarily, an hour later. He reached the crossing near the Lorenzo Joslin place, less than a mile from home, at 2:45 o'clock Sunday morning and was struck by the north-bound express train which passed at that point at that time. This is shown by the fact that his watch stopped at that time and that the engineer of the train found blood on the pilot on reaching White River Junction.

Harley Whitney, son of Norman Whitney, who lives on the Kittredge Parker farm, near the scene of the accident, found parts of the body while walking on the track about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Meanwhile the south-bound passenger train at 5 o'clock, which was an hour late, and the morning newspaper train from the south had passed over the body, but none of the engineers or firemen saw it. The Whitney boy went home and told what he found, and the selectmen were called. They found that the head, arms and legs had been severed from the body and that the body itself had been frightfully torn. Foley's watch, ring and a letter near the track served to show who the person was.

The body was taken to Knight's undertaking rooms in this village and was carried home Sunday afternoon. On Tuesday it was taken to Brattleboro, where the funeral was held at 1 o'clock in the Roman Catholic church, Rev. Father Cunningham officiating. The burial was in the Roman Catholic cemetery in Brattleboro. Foley was a son of Owen Foley of East Putney, who died a year ago last March. He was 26 years old and always lived in East Putney. He leaves a mother in East Putney and a brother and sister, Michael J. Foley and Miss Catherine E. Foley of this village.

F. L. Pierce's mill is shut down for a short time.

Dana Clough is confined to his house with illness.

Eugene Holt is building a piazza on Mrs. Ware's house.

Mrs. Jennie Crafts is visiting her mother, Mrs. S. O. Parker.

Miss Hattie Black of Greenfield is a guest of Miss Ida Young.

Mrs. Hibbard Black of Greenfield is spending a few days in town.

Miss Ida Young visited Miss Lula Woodard the week of the Fourth.

Mrs. Frank Adams and children spent the Fourth at Dorset Clough's.

Miss Martha Pierce went Monday to Burlington for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Britton returned Wednesday night from their wedding trip.

Mrs. Asa Shattuck of Syracuse, N. Y., is spending the summer at W. D. Walte's.

The Woman's Relief corps will hold their meetings in the afternoon through the summer.

F. D. Kendall went Wednesday to Grafton to attend the funeral of his sister, George Willard.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Switzer are spending two weeks relatives in Brattleboro and Townsend.

John L. Howard of Malden, Mass., the writing master, spent two days with acquaintances in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Addison Howard and child of East Templeton, Mass., are spending a few days at James Lester's.

Miss McGrath of Montpelier is spending the summer at Mrs. Martin's. Miss Burns of Newton is there for a week.

Mrs. Allen Newton of Florida is spending a few days at John Clark's. Her husband was Mr. Clark's brother-in-law.

Mrs. Gertrude Cole and daughter, Dorothy, are spending a number of weeks with Mrs. Cole's father, Lewis Gorham.

Miss Ida Wright, who has a position as matron in the Brattleboro Retreat, visited her grandfather, S. O. Parker, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ariel Crosby will move soon to Waltham, Mass., where they lived formerly. All will regret to have them go.

Rev. Mr. Hayward began his labors with the Congregational church Sunday. A communion service will be held next Sunday.

Florence Whitney went Monday to Burlington for treatment in a hospital. She was accompanied by her father and her aunt.

It is announced that F. L. Houghton will be a local option-high-license candidate for representative from Putney to the next legislature.

Mr. Ross has moved from Bellows Falls into the tenement vacated by Mrs. Gale and is employed as machine tender in Robertson's paper mill.

Carl Knight is substituting in M. G. Williams's store for Fred Dodge, who is ill with measles. Mrs. Herbert Hill is very ill with measles.

Ralph Pierce, who has been here since the death of his father, started this week on his return to California, where he expects to complete his course in the school.

The delegates to the county convention in Newfane this week went to Brattleboro on a gravel train Tuesday morning on account of a landslide at East Putney which delayed the regular passenger train.

A change in the arrangements for handling express matter which went

into effect last week will be greatly appreciated by everybody in the village. Express packages will hereafter be delivered free at all the houses in the village limits, and they will also be received at all hours of the day at Mr. Blood's stable.

The trustees of the public library announce that a new and attractive catalogue is now in the hands of the librarian and that copies are ready for distribution. It is hoped that all families in town will call for them and avail themselves of the privileges of the library. Many patrons will find in this new catalogue a number of books that are readable and interesting, which heretofore practically have been unnoticed. A number of new books will be added in the near future. Not many of the large libraries in the state can boast of a better arranged catalogue than that of the Putney library. Much credit is due F. L. Houghton for his efficient work.

**EAST PUTNEY.**

Mrs. Leonard of Winchendon is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. V. Shaw.

The ladies' aid society will meet with Mrs. George Smith next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. David Frost spent a few days last week at Mechanicville with Miss Nina Shattuck.

George Johnson of Portland, Maine, a former resident, called on his friends this week.

**SOUTH LONDONDERRY.**

Rena Abbott has gone to Richmond, N. H., to visit friends.

Most of the farmers have begun haying, and the prospect is good for an abundant crop.

L. T. Landman is building a new piazza on his house, making a great improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Gates have gone to New Haven, this state, to spend their vacation.

Miss Lillian Childs of Lynn, Mass., is staying with her sister, Mrs. F. W. Melendy.

Mrs. Frank Stevens took a carriage drive to Brattleboro with Mrs. George Hill last week.

Arthur Allen is the new man in the grist mill. It is reported that he intends purchasing the mill.

Mrs. Krebs and Mrs. Kaecher, who have been visiting at Dr. Millington's, have returned to their home in Pottsville, Pa.

F. C. Dean has returned to his home after several months' absence as traveling salesman for a firm in Connecticut.

G. G. Smith, health officer of this town, is attending the meeting of the state board of health being held this week at Thompson.

A large party from this place and Thompsonburg spent Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Charlton, who has moved recently to town from Massachusetts.

The delegates from this town who attended the county convention at Newfane on Tuesday were: J. W. Melendy, H. A. Dudley, Loren Pierce, A. B. Walte and C. M. Eames.

The Methodist ladies' aid society met with Mrs. J. C. Gale Wednesday. There was a very pleasant gathering. During the afternoon extracts from the letters of Miss Ellen Stone were read.

Mrs. Frank Fuller has been on the sick list the past week. She was taken sick at the home of her brother-in-law, George Barnard, in Winhall, and at the present writing has not been able to move home.

The strawberry beds in this place have yielded abundantly. Those of Mr. Haywood, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Aldrich have been the best. Mr. Tyler and Mr. Aldrich cultivated a field together, and have picked over 20 bushels.

Among the visitors who came to spend the Fourth with friends here were: A. D. Whitman, of Orange, Mass., at Silas Whitman's; Shirley Brigham and two daughters at Mrs. H. R. Clough's; Charles Reiden and little son at Mrs. C. Belden's; and Hattie Gardner at the home of her parents.

The Fourth of July passed very quietly here. We had the usual bell-ringing, cannon firing, etc., during the night before the Fourth. The Baptist ladies' aid society served a dinner and ice cream on the church lawn, which was well patronized and netted them about \$4.

A number went to Lowell lake, where there were the usual attractions, ending with fireworks and a dance in the evening.

This community was saddened to learn of the death of Herman Griswold, which occurred at his home in the east part of the town on Tuesday. It was not unexpected, as he had been ill for more than two years, but he had made such a brave struggle for life that there seemed some hope of his recovery. Two years ago he had a serious attack of pneumonia, which resulted in an affection of the lungs, from which he never fully recovered. The past two winters he had spent in Oklahoma to escape the rigors of our Vermont winters. He leaves a wife and three sons, also a brother and two sisters. He was kind and affectionate to his family, a good neighbor, and a devoted member of the Baptist church, and was respected by all. His funeral was held at his home today.

**VERNON.**

Rev. F. W. Lewis will preach in the church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

Rev. A. Tyler will preach in the chapel next Sunday at 11 a. m.

The ladies' circle will meet in their rooms next Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ella Hazleton has gone to visit her son in Randolph for a few days.

Ernest G. Hubbard came from Meriden, Conn., July 3, for a ten days' vacation.

Miss Inez Akley and Miss Chloe Franklin have gone to Portsmouth, Me., to attend the national convention of Young People's Christian Union.

**SOUTH VERNON.**

E. O. Leattend the board of health convention at Brattleboro this week.

Miss Sadie Hale of Attleboro, Mass., is a guest at C. H. Newton's this week.

Mrs. S. B. Houghton of Worcester is visiting at F. N. Johnson's this week.

Rev. George Tyler and family are at Rev. E. Tyler's for their summer vacation.

Forrester Clark of Holyoke, Mass., is spending his summer vacation at Joseph Woodard's.

**DUMMERSTON HILL.**

James Peig returned to Yonkers, N. Y., last Saturday.

Mrs. G. R. Wheeler is visiting relatives in Barnardston this week.

Over 100 people spent the Fourth at the lake. Dr. E. W. Gwyer showed his patriotism by flying three large kites, red, white and blue, with "Old Glory" on 200 feet of string.

The cottages at the lake are nearly all full. Stockwell's Miller's and Hecock's are occupied by Brattleboro people. The Harris and Willis cottages are occupied by people from Meriden, Conn.

Thomas Allen of Belchertown, Mass., late principal of the Marlboro, N. H. High school, will become principal of Powers Institute in Barnardston in the fall.

A strike of 9000 freight handlers in Chicago was called Monday, and every freight house of the 34 railroads concerned is practically tied up. Business men fear that the strike will be the most serious which has affected their interests in years.

## HINSDALE, N. H.

Mrs. F. I. Latham is visiting in Vermont.

M. V. Colton was in town a few days recently.

E. L. Latham of Boston was in town over Sunday.

C. E. Snow of Winchendon, Mass., was in town last week.

Samuel O'Neil is building an addition on his Canal street house.

Miss Hattie Knapp went Tuesday to White River Junction, Vt.

Dr. B. F. Worthington went to Boston Monday to spend a few days.

Mrs. F. O. Packard and two children are visiting in Hartford, Conn.

J. J. Archibald of Montreal, was at his home here over the Fourth.

Prof. F. A. Mason, wife and child are spending their vacation in town.

Miss Winnie Tilden is spending several weeks with friends in Barre, Vt.

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Mrs. Graves of Proctorsville, Vt., is in town to assist in caring for her sister, Mrs. Bowie.

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Misses Minnie Magnin and Margie White, were in Springfield, Mass., from Friday until Monday.

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Martin Kelley has moved his family from Canal street to the Gilbert house near the railroad station.

Deputy Commissioner of Penitents, James L. Davenport of Washington, D. C., was in town Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Sprague of Somerville, Mass., is making a two weeks' stay with her sister, Mrs. A. E. Dix.

Mrs. Nims and Miss Leach of Westmoreland, visited their brother, Mr. S. Leach, Sunday and Monday.

Miss Margaret Dempsey and Mrs. Margaret Brennan are visiting at the Velvet House, 4 Orchard, Me.

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Mrs. Jane Archibald is at the home of her grandson, J. W. Archibald, in Ludlow, Vt., for a few weeks' stay.

Miss A. F. Fitzgerald of Northampton and Master Gerald Vincent of Holyoke, are visitors at James Redding's.

Mrs. M. S. Leach went Tuesday to spend the remainder of the week with relatives in Brattleboro and Saxtons River.

Mrs. John Roberts and her daughter Miss Roberts, of Brockton, have been spending two weeks at their home here.

Roger and Herbert Johnson of Gardner, Mass., are spending a vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gale.

Michael White and family expect to move some property he holds there. All local industries except the paper mill stopped their works Thursday night of last week for the remainder of the week.

The local base ball nine won easily two games from a Northfield nine on the local grounds Friday and lost to Winchester on their grounds Saturday. They are to play a return game at Northfield next Saturday.

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Arthur Turcott, J. Croden, Eddie Hewitt and Harry McCollay, were before the Winchester police court Monday forenoon for participating in the recent disturbance at the glass blowers' entertainment at Lower Ashuelot. They had cooked their food for \$2.50, fine being suspended during good behavior, and were severely reprimanded by Judge Pierce.

Charles J. McCollay, 37, died at his home at Upper Ashuelot Wednesday morning after a brief sickness with a kidney difficulty. Mr. McCollay was born at New Boston, N. H., April 2, 1865, where his father was a farmer. He was in the lively stable business several years at Manchester and then went to Harrisville, where he did a teaming business a few years. He was a steady worker 25 years ago and was the night watchman at the late E. C. Thayer's large mill 22 years, serving as village policeman most of that time. He was an honest, steady, faithful man, of good intelligence, and never spoke ill of any one. He leaves many friends and a family of three sons and two daughters to mourn his death. The funeral will be held Saturday at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at his late residence, burial being at Evergreen cemetery, Winchester.

**WEST DUMMERSTON.**

Miss Nellie Wilcox is visiting at her uncle's, S. R. Washburn's, here.

Willie and Wilford Moran are visiting their sister, Mrs. R. Coombs.

A few of Earl Willard's friends met at his home, Friday, July 4, and spent a very pleasant evening being entertained by a display of fireworks.

School closed in district No. 6, June 20. Names of pupils of full attendance, who were neither absent or tardy during the term, are: L. C. Connor, Howard Clark and Ralph McKenize.

**DUMMERSTON HILL.**

Mrs. Richardson has her cottage at the lake completed.

Miss Irene Knowlton is working for Mrs. J. N. Betterley this summer.

The grass crop is only two-thirds as large as the crop last year at this date.

Messrs. White, Willis and Bemis of Meriden, Conn., spent last week in bass fishing at the lake.

W. D. Stockwell and Charles Prentiss and families were at Mr. Stockwell's cottage last week.

E. L. Hildreth and family came to their cottage at the lake Thursday to remain during the summer.

The close of the school was marked by instructive and appropriate quotation exercises. Twelve or 15 of the parents were present to enjoy the exercises, and to partake of the bountiful supply of ice cream donated by Dr. T. H. Gray.

Three hearty cheers to the donors.

erson, who is superintendent of the Congregational Sunday school, was pleasantly remembered by the school last Sunday by covering his desk with floral tributes and presenting him with birthday greetings, all of which was fittingly acknowledged by Mr. Robertson.

The report of the Congregational Sunday school for the quarter ending July 1, shows the whole number enrolled to be 194; average attendance 107; present every Sunday 71; enrolled in home department 41; cradle roll 19; roll of honor 39; total membership 227; offerings, \$22.95; expenses, \$14.65; received into the church by letter, 1; teachers' meetings, 12.

Among those who came home for the Fourth were: Mrs. J. W. Washburn, and James Bourke of Pittsfield; Wm. Watson of Easthampton; John Taylor, John Cole and James McCormick of Holyoke; Alex. Taylor, wife and child of Keene; J. J. Archibald of Montreal, was at his home here over the Fourth.

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